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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 12) dated January 2, 2002. A request for an appropriate extension of time is submitted herewith.

Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: